## What Are Interface Elements

The aim of this project is not to create a standard for entire user interfaces—that is not feasible or desirable. Rather, the goal is to identify specific elements that can be included in an overall interface design. The types of elements we anticipate including are:

# Terms

Words used in user interfaces printed on products, on displays or in manuals.



Icons used in conjunction with switches, indicators, or control panels



### Indicators

Lights on a device itself, or displayed on another networked device.



### Operating Metaphors

More abstract or complex ideas, such as whether multiple delay timers operate in serial or parallel, and elements of weekly timers or occupancy sensors.



We expect the project at a minimum to propose standards for a low-power mode term, indicator color, and symbol. Other standard elements may emerge from the research.